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FOR YOUR INFORMATION AND GUIDANCE FOLLOWING ARE EXCERPTS
FROM DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN'S PRESS BRIEFING FOR
SEPTEMBER 18, 1975:

Q. I HAVE A COUPLE OF QUESTIONS ABOUT JORDAN.

KING HUSSEIN HAS SAID THROUGH HIS GOVERNMENT THAT JORDAN IS
ABSOLUTELY UNPREPARED TO BUY U.S. HAWK MISSILES
UNDER THE CONDITIONS AND ASSURANCES SET FORTH IN PRESIDENT
FORD'S LETTER TO CONGRESS. I'M INFORMED BY STATE
DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS THAT THE JORDANIAN GOVERNMENT KNEW
ALL ABOUT THESE ASSURANCES AND CONDITIONS.

THEREFORE, WHAT IS THE PRESENT STATUS OF HAWK SALES TO
JORDAN, SINCE THERE'S NOT GOING TO BE ANY MORE CONGRESSION-
AL ACTION?

A. IT IS MY UNDERSTANDING--I JUST CHECKED BEFORE COMING
IN THAT IT IS STILL NOT CLEAR TO US WHAT IS INTENDED BY
THE STATEMENT ISSUED IN AMMAN THIS MORNING.

WE ARE IN TOUCH WITH THE JORDANIAN GOVERNMENT, THROUGH
OUR AMBASSADOR THERE, TO SEEK TO CLARIFY THIS.

UNTIL WE HAVE DONE THAT, I REALLY AM NOT ABLE TO COMMENT
FURTHER.

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WE ARE IN TOUCH WITH APPROPRIATE MEMBERS OF CONGRESS. WE
CERTAINLY HOPE THERE IS NO MISUNDERSTANDING, AND ON
YOUR OTHER QUESTION: I CAN CONFIRM WE DID DISCUSS THE
JORDANIAN ASSURANCES THAT WERE CONTAINED IN THE
PRESIDENT'S LETTER --

Q. DID THEY AGREE?

A. -- AND HAD JORDAN'S AGREEMENT.

Q. NOW, DOES THAT MEAN THAT ALL OF THAT LETTER -- ALL
PARTS OF IT -- OR JUST CERTAIN SELECTED PARAGRAPHS?

A. I THINK I WOULD SAY THAT JORDAN'S ASSURANCES.

Q. JORDAN -- THE ASSURANCES THAT THE PRESIDENT MADE TO CONGRESS WERE ALL DISCUSSED AND CLEARED WITH JORDAN BEFORE THE PRESIDENT HAD SENT HIS LETTER TO CONGRESS.

A. IT IS MY UNDERSTANDING THE SUBSTANCE OF THAT WAS DISCUSSED WITH THE JORDANIAN GOVERNMENT. WE RECEIVED THEIR APPROVAL.

Q. THEN DOES THIS APPEAR TO THE STATE DEPARTMENT TO BE A CHANGE IN THE MIND OF THE JORDANIAN GOVERNMENT OR THE KING?

A. TO GO BACK TO WHAT I SAID IN THE BEGINNING, IT IS NOT ENTIRELY CLEAR TO US WHAT IS INTENDED BY THE STATEMENT THAT WAS ISSUED PUBLICLY IN AMMAN THIS MORNING AND WE ARE TRYING TO CLARIFY IT.

Q. YOU SAID YOU HOPE THERE IS NO MISUNDERSTANDING. ON WHOSE PART?

A. ON ANYBODY'S PART.

Q. WELL, I MEAN, REALLY GAA YOU SUSPECT THERE IS SOME MISUNDERSTANDING, I WOULD THINK, IF YOU HAVEN'T SAID -- YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE --
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A. I THINK THAT IS IMPLIED BY THE FACT WE ARE NOT CLEAR WHAT IS MEANT BY THE STATEMENT THAT WAS ISSUED IN AMMAN THIS MORNING.

Q. IT SEEMED TO ME TO BE VERY PLAIN ENGLISH: "WE ARE NOT INTERESTED -- PERIOD -- UNDER THESE CONDITIONS."

Q. WHO COULD MISUNDERSTAND THAT?

A. WE ARE IN TOUCH WITH THE JORDANIAN GOVERNMENT AND WE ARE TRYING TO CLARIFY PRIVATELY THE STATEMENT THAT WAS ISSUED PUBLICLY.

Q. COULD THOSE CONDITIONS BE CONTAINED IN THE CONTRACT FOR THE MIISILES THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF JORDAN MIGHT SIGN?

A. I AM NOT SQRE HOW IT IS CARRIED OUT AFTER THIS POINT, QUITE FRANKLY. AND UNTIL WE HAVE THE CLARIFICATION I REALLY DO NOT HAVE MUCH MORE TO SAY ON THE CASE.

Q. PRESIDENT FORD HAS SENT A LETTER TO CONGRESS. WOULD THOSE CONDITIONS BE TRANSLATED INTO THE CONTRACT TERMS,

NORMALLY, OR --

A. I AM NOT SURE OF THAT, BUT THAT DOES NOT DETRACT FROM THE ASSURANCES.

Q. ARE THERE PRIVATE ASSURANCES IN ADDITION TO THE CONTRACTUAL TERMS?

A. I AM NOT AWARE OF ANY OTHER ASSURANCES, OTHER THAN THOSE THAT WERE CONTAINED IN THE PRESIDENT'S LETTER.

Q. DOES THE PRESIDENT'S LETTER REPRESENT ADMINISTRATION POLICY IN TERMS OF THIS SALE TO JORDAN, AND WILL IT BE ADHERED TO?

A. IT CERTAINLY REPRESENTS THE EFFORTS THAT WE HAD WITH THE CONGRESS TO REACH A REASONABLE SOLUTION -- A SOLUTION UNCLASSIFIED

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OF THIS PROBLEM -- AND WE ARE NOW SEEKING CLARIFICATION OF THESE PUBLIC STATEMENTS IN JORDAN. UNTIL WE HAVE THIS CLARIFICATION, IT IS REALLY VERY DIFFICULT FOR ME TO --

Q. JUST SO WE CAN BE CLEAR ABOUT WHAT YOU'RE TRYING TO CLARIFY, ARE YOU TRYING TO CLARIFY THE APPARENT CONTRADICTION BETWEEN WHAT THE JORDANIANS TOLD YOU PRIVATELY AND WHAT THEY'RE SAYING PUBLICLY TODAY?

A. WHAT WE ARE TRYING TO CLARIFY IS WHAT WAS INTENDED BY THE PUBLIC STATEMENT THAT WAS ISSUED IN AMMAN TODAY IN ITS ENTIRETY.

Q. THE PUBLIC STATEMENT IS ONLY A REPORT OF A PRIVATE STATEMENT GIVEN TO THE AMBASSADOR. NOW, IS THERE A DIFFERENCE BETWEEN WHAT WAS SAID PUBLICLY AND WHAT WAS TOLD TO THE AMBASSADOR?

A. WE ARE WAITING. WE HAVE ASKED AND INSTRUCTED AMBASSADOR PICKERING TO SEEK CLARIFICATION OF THIS, AND UNTIL WE HAVE IT I AM JUST NOT ABLE TO DISCUSS THE SUBJECT.

Q. SEEK CLARIFICATION OF WHAT, THOUGH? THAT'S A PUBLIC STATEMENT THAT IS ONLY A REPORT OF WHAT AMBASSADOR PICKERING IS SUPPOSED TO HAVE BEEN TOLD BY MINISTER RIFAI. NOW, ARE YOU TRYING TO SEEK CLARIFICATION OF WHAT MR. PICKERING HEARD OR WHAT WAS BROADCAST BY AMMAN RADIO?

A. I AM TRYING TO SEEK CLARIFICATION AS TO WHAT WAS INTENDED BY THE STATEMENT -- THE PUBLIC STATEMENT -- THAT

WAS ISSUED IN AMMAN TODAY.

Q. WHEN YOU SAY THE "PUBLIC STATEMENT," YOU KEEP IMPLY-
ING THERE WAS SOMETHING DIFFERENT THAN THE PRIVATE
STATEMENT?

A. I DO NOT MEAN TO IMPLY THAT. WE ARE NOW TRYING TO
SEEK CLARIFICATION PRIVATELY.
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Q. THERE IS A POSSIBILITY?

A. WE HOPE THERE IS; YES.

Q. WHAT YOU'RE SAYING IS THAT BOTH PUBLICLY AND PRIVATELY
YOU DON'T SEE THAT THE DOOR IS ENTIRELY CLOSED ON THE
SALE; ISN'T THAT RIGHT?

A. WE HOPE NOT.

Q. AND THAT IT'S ENTIRELY POSSIBLE THAT THIS PUBLIC
STATEMENT MAY HAVE BEEN SAID FOR DOMESTIC CONSUMPTION IN
JORDAN?

A. I WOULD NOT CHARACTERIZE IT THAT WAY.

Q. WAS THE STATE DEPARTMENT TAKEN BY SURPRISE BY THIS
REPORT FROM JORDAN?

A. I THINK I REALLY HAVE TO ANSWER THAT BY SAYING THAT WE
HAD DISCUSSED THE SUBSTANCE OF THE ASSURANCES FROM JORDAN
THAT WERE CONTAINED IN THE PRESIDENT'S LETTER AND WE
HAD THEIR APPROVAL-- SO, OBVIOUSLY, WHEN WE SENT THE
LETTER FORWARD, WE ANTICIPATED THAT IT WOULD GO THROUGH.

Q. WAS THE ENTIRE LETTER SHOWN TO THE JORDANIANS--OR WHY
DID YOU LEAVE OUT THOSE PARTS THAT REFLECTED THE MAIN
CONCERN OF CONGRESS, WHICH REFERRED TO THE MOBILITY OF THE
WEAPONS?

A. I AM NOT SURE ABOUT WHETHER THE TEXT ITSELF WAS
TRANSMITTED, BUT THE SUBSTANCE OF THE LETTER--CERTAINLY,
THAT REFERRING TO THE ASSURANCES PROVIDED BY JORDAN FOR
THE USE OF THE EQUIPMENT WAS DISCUSSED WITH THE
JORDANIAN GOVERNMENT AND WE HAD THEIR APPROVAL.

Q. THE PUBLIC STATEMENT IN AMMAN SEEMS TO OBJECT AS MUCH
TO THOSE RESTRICTIONS IN THE LETTER REFERRING TO
THIRD-PARTY USE OF THE WEAPONS AS TO THE QUESTION OF
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MOBILITY. WAS THAT PART SHOWN TO THEM?

A. I HAVE SEEN THE STATEMENT, AND UNTIL WE HAVE THE CLARIFICATION I AM REALLY NOT ABLE TO GO MUCH FURTHER THAN WE HAVE.

Q. WAS IT ALSO MADE CLEAR TO THE JORDANIANS THAT THESE CONDITIONS WOULD BE MADE PUBLIC BY THE UNITED STATES, AND IS THAT PERHAPS WHAT THEY OBJECT TO?

A. I DO NOT KNOW. I WOULD THINK, IN LIGHT OF ALL OF THE PUBLIC DEBATE SURROUNDING THIS QUESTION, THAT THE JORDANIAN GOVERNMENT CERTAINLY WOULD HAVE BEEN AWARE THAT THERE WOULD BE PUBLIC DISCLOSURE.

Q. CAN YOU TELL US WHAT YOU'RE IN TOUCH WITH MEMBERS OF CONGRESS ABOUT? YOU SAID IN THE LIST OF THINGS YOU'RE DOING THAT YOU'RE IN TOUCH WITH THEM.

A. WE INFORMED THEM WHEN WE WERE AWARE OF THE PUBLIC STATEMENT THIS MORNING, AND WE TOLD MEMBERS OF CONGRESS THAT WE ARE SEEKING CLARIFICATION AND WE WILL INFORM THEM OF THE RESULTS OF OUR EFFORTS WITH THE JORDANIAN GOVERNMENT.

Q. THEY WERE ALSO TAKING EXCEPTION VERY STRONGLY TO THE DELIVERY DATES. WAS THAT NEWS TO THEM?

A. I AM REALLY NOT ABLE TO COMMENT ON THE SPECIFIC PARTS OF THE STATEMENT ISSUED IN AMMAN THIS MORNING.

Q. IN THIS CASE, THOUGH, IT IS RATHER IMPORTANT FOR US TO KNOW WHAT JORDAN WAS AWARE OF AND WHAT IT WAS NOT AWARE OF.

A. WE CONSIDER IT VERY IMPORTANT TO OBTAIN CLARIFICATION FROM THE JORDANIAN GOVERNMENT SO WE CAN BETTER UNDERSTAND THE INTENT OF THE STATEMENT THAT WAS ISSUED THIS MORNING.

Q. AFTER YOU WENT THROUGH THIS THING THE FIRST TIME, YOU UNCLASSIFIED

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FINALLY WOUND UP SAYING THAT THE SUBSTANCE OF THE ASSURANCES WAS ALL DISCUSSED WITH JORDAN. IT LACKS A CERTAIN PRECISION. I MEAN, THE SUBSTANCE OF THE ASSURANCES SOMETIMES BECOMES UNACCEPTABLE WHEN IT IS SPELLED OUT. IS THIS WHAT YOU ARE TALKING ABOUT?

A. NO. WE DISCUSSED THE JORDANIAN ASSURANCES THAT ARE

CONTAINED IN THE LETTER.

Q. DO YOU MAKE A DISTINCTION BETWEEN THE KING OF JORDAN AND THE JORDANIAN GOVERNMENT? WHAT I AM GETTING AT IS, IS IT POSSIBLE THAT THE KING WAS ONLY AWARE OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE ASSURANCES, AND TOOK UMORAGE TO THE SUM TOTAL OF IT WHEN HE SAW IT?

A. I CANNOT ANSWER THAT QUESTION. CERTAINLY THE AUTHORITIES IN AMMAN -- WE HAD DISCUSSED WITH THEM THE JORDANIAN ASSURANCES THAT ARE CONTAINED IN THE LETTER.

Q. DID DAMASCUS UNDERSTAND IT?

A. I DO NOT KNOW.

Q. ARE YOU WORRIED ABOUT EXTERNAL PRESSURES? DO YOU FEEL THAT JORDAN HAS CHANGED COURSE FOR EXTERNAL REASONS?

A. I AM JUST NOT REALLY ABLE TO COMMENT ON THAT.

Q. WHY ISN'T PICKERING COMING HOME, IF THIS IS SUCH A BIG DEAL? YOU HAVE BROUGHT HIM HOME FOR LESS THAN THAT. IF YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND WHAT JORDAN HAS DONE, WHY DON'T YOU BRING HIM HOME AND ASK HIM?

A. I AM NOT PRECLUDING THAT, BUT HE CAN HARDLY SEEK CLARIFICATION IN AMMAN IF HE IS IN WASHINGTON.

Q. WELL, YOU COULD HAVE HIM GET IT AND THEN COME HOME. IS HE COMING HOME?

A. I DO NOT KNOW. TELEGRAMS GO FASTER THAN AIRPLANES.

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Q. YES, IT HAS BEEN A LONG TIME SINCE THIS MORNING. HAVE WE HEARD NOTHING FROM JORDAN?

A. NOT AT THIS POINT, NO.

Q. HAVE YOU HEARD FROM THE AMBASSADOR WHAT HE WAS TOLD BY THE JORDANIAN GOVERNMENT?

A. WE HAD A PRELIMINARY REPORT FROM AMBASSADOR PICKERING, BUT WE HAVE ASKED FOR FURTHER CLARIFICATION, AND AS FAR AS I KNOW WE HAVE NOT AS YET RECEIVED A REPLY.

Q. WHAT DID THAT REPORT SAY?

A. I THINK IT SAID, IN ESSENCE, IT WAS REPORTING THE STATEMENT THAT HAD BEEN ISSUED BY THE JORDANIAN GOVERNMENT.

Q. JUST LET'S SUPPOSE THAT WHAT APPEARS TO BE ON FACE VALUE THAT THIS STATEMENT SAYS THAT JORDAN DOESN'T WANT THESE PARTICULAR MISSILES. DOES THE U.S. GOVERNMENT THEN START NEGOTIATING ALL OVER AGAIN SO THAT THEY WILL TAKE OUR MISSILES?

A. I REALLY DO NOT THINK IT IS VERY HELPFUL TO TRY TO SPECULATE ON VARIOUS POSSIBILITIES. I THINK I WILL JUST HAVE TO WAIT UNTIL WE RECEIVE THE CLARIFICATION WE HAVE REQUESTED.

Q. COULD YOU AMPLIFY YOUR ANSWER TO MY QUESTION? YOU SAY YOU HAD A PRELIMINARY REPORT ON THE STATEMENT OF THE JORDANIAN GOVERNMENT. WHICH ONE, THE ONE THAT WAS BROADCAST AT NOON TODAY?

A. YES.

Q. TO GO BACK TO MY EARLIER QUESTION, THEN, THE AMBASSADOR WAS CALLED IN LAST NIGHT AND GIVEN A STATEMENT ON THESE THINGS. TODAY'S REPORT WAS ONLY A REPORT OF WHAT WAS TOLD HIM LAST NIGHT. HAVE YOU GOT FROM HIM WHAT HE WAS TOLD LAST NIGHT?
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A. THERE IS A TIME DIFFERENCE, YOU KNOW. THEY ARE NOT ON EASTERN DAYLIGHT TIME, LARS.

Q. THE REPORT AT NOON GMT TODAY SAID THE AMBASSADOR WAS CALLED IN LAST NIGHT AND GIVEN THE STATEMENT.

A. RIGHT.

Q. HAVE YOU RECEIVED A REPORT FROM HIM ON WHAT HE WAS TOLD LAST NIGHT?

A. I SAID WE ONLY HAD A PRELIMINARY REPORT.

Q. YOU SAID YOU HAD A PRELIMINARY REPORT ON THE --

A. I AM NOT IN A POSITION TO DISCUSS THE LOG OF MESSAGES BETWEEN WASHINGTON AND AMMAN.

Q. I THINK YOU ARE TRYING TO INTRODUCE SOME CONFUSION HERE.

A. I DO NOT THINK I AM.

Q. THE NOON GMT BROADCAST OF WHICH YOU HAD A PRELIMINARY REPORT FROM THE AMBASSADOR IS ONLY AN ACCOUNT-

ING OF WHAT HE WAS TOLD LAST NIGHT. I HAVE A SIMPLE QUESTION. HAVE YOU RECEIVED FROM HIM THE REPORT OF WHAT HE GOT LAST NIGHT?

A. THE SIMPLE ANSWER, NO MATTER WHICH WAY YOU TRY TO CHANGE IT OR WEAVE IT, IS THIS: WE ARE NOT SURE WHAT THE INTENT OF THEIR STATEMENT WAS. WE ARE SEEKING CLARIFICATION. WE HAVE NOT AS YET RECEIVED THAT CLARIFICATION. NOW, THAT IS THE ANSWER TO THE QUESTION.

Q. I THINK WHAT LARS REALLY IS DRIVING AT IS THAT THERE WAS A DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE COMMUNICATION TO THE AMBASSADOR AND THE PUBLIC STATEMENT. ISN'T THIS WHAT YOU ARE ASKING?
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Q. THE PUBLIC STATEMENT IS ONLY A DESCRIPTION OF WHAT THE AMBASSADOR WAS TOLD. THAT IS ALL IT IS.

Q. THAT IS WHAT THEY ARE SAYING, BUT I AM ASKING NOW THE SPOKESMAN, IS THERE A DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE COMMUNICATION TO THE AMBASSADOR AND THE PUBLIC STATEMENT?

A. I AM JUST NOT ABLE TO GET INTO A DISCUSSION OF MESSAGES THAT WERE RECEIVED FROM AMBASSADOR PICKERING. WHAT I AM TELLING YOU IS THAT WE HAVE ASKED FOR CLARIFICATION AND UNTIL WE RECEIVE THAT CLARIFICATION, I AM JUST NOT ABLE TO DISCUSS IT FURTHER.

Q. DO YOU RECALL WHETHER ONE OF THOSE CONDITIONS WOULD BAR JORDAN'S RIGHT TO USE THESE WEAPONS IN A COLLECTIVE SECURITY ARRANGEMENT?

A. THE PRESIDENT'S LETTER IS A PAGE AND A HALF LETTER. LET US LOOK AT IT AFTER THE BRIEFING.

Q. YOU DON'T SEEM VERY ALARMED BY THIS ACTION, OR THE GOVERNMENT DOESN'T. THEY WERE ALL EXCITED AND THOUGHT ALL SORTS OF TERRIBLE THINGS WERE GOING TO HAPPEN IF THE DEAL DIDN'T GO THROUGH. DON'T YOU WANT TO ADD A NOTE OF ALARM? SHOULD THE WORDS MEAN WHAT THEY SAY? I MEAN, DOES THAT MEAN THAT THEY WILL GO TO THE SOVIET UNION AND WE WILL LOSE OUR FOOTING IN JORDAN AND THE WHOLE MIDDLE EAST WILL TOPPLE AND OTHER SUCH PRECARIOUS THINGS. DO YOU WANT TO REPEAT THOSE NOW? WHY AREN'T YOU GOING THROUGH THAT LITANY TODAY?

A. BECAUSE WE DO NOT HAVE THE CLARIFICATION.

Q. YOU DON'T
KNOW WHAT THE WORDS MEAN?

A. OUR POSITION IS AS I HAVE STATED IT.

Q. IS IT A HOPE? IS IT A HOPEFUL CLARIFICATION YOU ARE
SEEKING? IS IT WISHFUL THINKING?
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A. YOU REALLY ASKED THAT EARLIER.

Q. I MEAN, YOU DEFER TO CLARIFICATION. YOU NEVER ACCEPT
SOMETHING AS BEING FINAL. YOU ALWAYS NEED CLARIFICATION.
IT IS AN OLD DIPLOMATIC DOUBLETALK. OR DO YOU REALLY NOT
KNOW WHAT JORDAN HAS DONE? IS THAT WHAT YOU ARE SAYING?

A. I SAID IT WAS NOT CLEAR TO US WHAT WAS INTENDED BY
THE STATEMENT THAT WAS ISSUED TODAY.

Q. WELL, YOU SAID, YOU WERE ASKED, IS THE DOOR CLOSED,
AND YOU SAID, "WE HOPE NOT." THAT'S THAT.

A. OF COURSE.

Q. BOB, WHAT IS THE STATUS OF THE SYNOPSIS EXPLAINING
THE SO-CALLED SECRET MEMORANDA -- IF THAT TITLE HAS ANY
MEANING ANY LONGER -- RELATING TO THE SINAI ACCORD? HAS
THAT SYNOPSIS BEEN DRAFTED YET, AND WILL IT BE MADE
PUBLIC?

A. WELL, MR. SISCO AND MR. MCCLOSKEY CONTINUE THEIR
CONSULTATIONS WITH THE CONGRESS TO WORK OUT AN AGREED
PUBLICATION.

Q. HAS IT GOT TO BE CLASSIFIED?

A. NO. IT MIGHT NOT BE AS INTERESTING IF IT IS NOT
CLASSIFIED.

Q. INCIDENTALLY, THE BASIC INTERIM AGREEMENT SAYS THAT
THE TECHNICAL ACCORDS HAVE TO BE SIGNED BY TWO WEEKS
AFTER THE INITIALING. IT'S NOW MORE THAN TWO WEEKS.

A. ARE YOU REFERRING TO THE TALKS THAT ARE GOING ON IN
GENEVA?

Q. WELL, I'M REFERRING TO THE SIGNING, WHICH WILL TAKE
PLACE WITHIN TWO WEEKS. NOW, THE TECHNICAL PROTOCOLS

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HAVE TO BE SIGNED WITHIN TWO WEEKS. THEY HAVEN'T.
UNDER WHAT PROVISION HAS IT SUDDENLY GOTTEN SO FLEXIBLE?

A. I'LL HAVE TO CHECK THAT. CISSINGER

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